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- (2) Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. (A) 62-103791 (HOCHIKI CORP and ISHII HIROMITSU), published May 14, 1987; Together with a copy of an English-language abstract thereof;
- (3) Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. (A) 5-266196 (NIPPON TELEGR & TELEPH CORP <NTT>), published October 15, 1993; Together with a copy of an English-language abstract thereof;
- (4) Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. (A) 11-282999 (EAST JAPAN RAILWAY CO and SECOM CO LTD), published October 15, 1999; Together with a copy of an English-language abstract thereof;
- (5) Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. (A) 4-120682 (NIPPON TELEGR & TELEPH CORP <NTT>), published April 21, 1992; Together with a copy of an English-language abstract thereof;
- (6) Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. (A) 8-161453 (TOKAI RIKI CO LTD), published June 21, 1996; Together with a copy of an English-language abstract thereof; and
- (7) Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. (A) 7-044674 (DATATEC IND INC), published February 14, 1995; Together with a copy of an English-language abstract thereof; and
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